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NR 115 Public Hearing Comment Sheet July and August 2005

After almost three years of work, by a dedicated Advisory Committee with over 25 members, the proposal to update the more than 35-year-old Shoreland Protection Program in Wisconsin has been sent to public hearings.

Wisconsin's Shoreland Protection Program, found in Chapter NR115 of Wisconsin Administrative Code, contains statewide minimum standards for shoreland development that are designed to protect water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and scenic beauty along navigable lakes and rivers.

The purpose of these hearings is to provide the public with another opportunity to review and comment on the proposed revisions to NR 115. The department gathered over 1300 comments from informal listening sessions held in November and December of 2003. Those comments, along with advisory committee comments, have been utilized to draft the public hearing proposal now out for review.

The key to a successful Shoreland Protection Program is to find that proper balance between property owners' desires and the public's rights in Wisconsin's waters. We hope to achieve this goal through the progress that was made with the diverse Advisory Committee, by engaging the public early on in the process with informal listening sessions and the current public hearing process. Please take some time to comment on the following sections of the rule proposal. You can comment on any or all of the outlined sections of the code. Please be specific in your comments so they can be accounted for accurately. We look forward to receiving your comments.

Please note that written comments from public hearings will be accepted until **August 26, 2005**.

I. APPLICABILITY – NR 115.02

Comments:

☐ NO COMMENT ON THIS SECTION

II. DEFINITIONS – NR 115.03

Comments:

☐ NO COMMENT ON THIS SECTION

III. LAND DIVISION REVIEW – NR 115.09

Comments:

☐ NO COMMENT ON THIS SECTION

IV. MINIMUM LOT SIZES – NR 115.11

Substantial provisions include lot width and measurement, residential use lot sizes, campground density requirements, mobile home parks, access lots, outlots and alternative developments.

Comments:

☐ NO COMMENT ON THIS SECTION

V. SHORELAND SETBACKS – NR 115.13

Substantial provisions include the 75 foot shoreland setback, how to measure the setback, location of the ordinary high water mark, a list of exempted structures and the setback reduction process:

Comments:

☐ NO COMMENT ON THIS SECTION

VI. SHORELAND VEGETATION – NR 115.15

Substantial provisions include vegetation plans, the 35 foot primary shoreland buffer (including size, vegetation management, removal and existing lawn provisions), the access corridor, the secondary buffer and practices that may be exempt from the shoreland buffer requirements.

Comments:

☐ NO COMMENT ON THIS SECTION

VII. IMPERVIOUS SURFACES – NR 115.17

Substantial provisions include general impervious surface regulations and the 20% trigger for mitigation.

Comments:

☐ NO COMMENT ON THIS SECTION

VIII. LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITIES – NR 115.19

Substantial provisions include erosion control and vegetative buffer plan requirements, wetland buffer allowance, permit requirements and permit exemptions:

Comments:

☐ NO COMMENT ON THIS SECTION

IX. NONCONFORMING USES AND STRUCTURES – NR 115.21

Substantial provisions for principal structures include provisions for ordinary maintenance and repair, structural alteration, expansion and the sliding scale concept and replacement.

Comments:

☐ NO COMMENT ON THIS SECTION

Comments on the mitigation system:

☐ NO COMMENT ON THIS SECTION

X. ADDITIONAL COMMENT ON THE PROPOSAL TO UPDATE NR 115

DOCUMENTATION FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

Written comments are welcome on this comment sheet or in a separate letter. Comments can be emailed to Toni Herkert, Shoreland Management Team Leader at Toni.Herkert@dnr.state.wi.us or mailed to her at Toni Herkert, Bureau of Watershed Management - WT/2, PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921. Comments can also be turned in at a public hearing or submitted online through the [State of Wisconsin Administrative Rules](http://www.adminrules.wisconsin.gov) Web site at adminrules.wisconsin.gov. Use the search button and type in the rule number. Electronic comments submitted by the close of the comment period are given the same weight and effect as testimony at public hearings.

All comments must be received by the Department by August 26, 2005.

For More Information on the rule revision process, advisory committee proceedings, public hearings and the draft proposal, PLEASE see our website at www.dnr.state.wi.us, go down to “Go to some topics” drop-down menu and choose “Shoreland Management.”

If you would like your comments to be part of the public record for the NR115 rule revision, please, at a minimum, provide your name. The remaining information is voluntary. Please print legibly.

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